



# Press Release



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## **Conyers Commends the Contributions of Patent Office and DaimlerChrysler Resolution Commemorating 500,000<sup>th</sup> Patent to Chrysler Crossfire Passes House**

Washington, DC; Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed , H.Con Res.53, commemorating the issuance of the 500,000<sup>th</sup> design patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for DaimlerChrysler Corporation's design of the Chrysler Crossfire. Congressman John Conyers, Jr, lead sponsor of the resolution, issued the following statement commending the contributions of DaimlerChrysler and its employees to the Nation's economy:

"On December 21, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issued the 500,000<sup>th</sup> design patent to DaimlerChrysler Corporation for the design of the Chrysler Crossfire. House Concurrent Resolution 53 expresses the sense of Congress that the Patent and Trademark Office has contributed significantly to the Nation's economy and that DaimlerChrysler and its employees should be commended for their achievement.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I am well aware of the importance of intellectual property protection to our economy. Intellectual property rewards and encourages innovation and advancement; without it, we would not have the high-tech, biotech, and everyday inventions that we have come to rely upon in everyday life.

I also am proud of this patent because I happen to represent the automobile capital of the world. It is no secret that Michigan boasts the finest auto workers in the world, and it should be no surprise that it is the design of an American car that received the award.

It is for these reasons that I, along with other members who recognize the importance of intellectual property protection and several members of Michigan's congressional delegation, are recognizing this occasion."

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